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COMMITS SUICIDE

Slayer of Mrs. Burner and Her Three Children Takes His Own Life.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY

William Nichols Believed to Have Been Goaded to Slaughter by Jealousy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LURAY, VA., January 4.—The dead
body of William Nichols, the top of
his head blown off by a shotgun, was
found this morning in the house of Wesley Price, not far from the scene of Saturday night's tragedy, at Mas-sanutton Mountain, five miles from here. A coroner's jury, investigating the murder of Mrs. Charles E. Burner and her three little children, returned a verdict this afternoon that Nichols had committed the crime, and had then committed suicide.

AND SECURES SHOTGUN
After wiping out the Burner family,
Nichols, who had been paying attention to Mrs. Burner, went to the home of Wesley Price, to whom he had loaned a shotgun several weeks ago. Price being away from home, Nichols entrance. He went to the place where he knew Price was in the habit of keeping the weapon. He placed the gun against the wall, and is believed to have pulled the trigger with his foot, the load practically tearing his

When found by Sheriff Sedwick, Nichols is believed to have been dead about

father, left his home on Saturday night | to come to Luray, from which place he was to go on the following day to the Printz Mill neighborhood, several miles east of Luray, Nichols remained at the Burner home with the under-standing that he was to look after Burner's stock until he returned. Neighbors of the Burner family believe that Nichols suggested to Mrs. Burner that they clope. Enraged by her re-fusal, he carried out the murder with an ax. This ax was found at the Price home, and had been used to break open the window. IN HOUSE FIFTEEN HOURS

BEFORE BODIES ARE FOUND The murdered woman and her three hildren remained in the home about fifteen hours before they were found by two boys who had gone there on Sunday morning to have Burner cut

Evidence shows that Nichols and irs. Burner had finished the evening real, and Mrs. Burner was preparing the children for bed when they were murdered, their shoes having been placed away for the night. The oldest boy, James, five years old, was most badly mutilated. The blade of the ax badly mutilated. The blade of the brain. Two fingers were also cut off, and he had cuts over his entire body.

From the back of the bed, Walter From the back of the bed, Walter, four years old, was pulled over so that he would get the full force of Nichola's ax. His face was split open almost from ear to ear. One of his hands

SERVED TERM IN PRISON
FOR FORGING CHECK
Nichols was a son of Christopher
Nichols, of Rappahannock County, at whose home Charles Sisk, the thrice

Michols, of Rappahannock County, at whose home Charles Sisk, the thrice murderer of that county, is said to have taken refuge while cluding officers after escaping from jail Nichols had served three years in the Virginia Penitentiary for forging a check on the Parc Villa. National tackle

KIRKWALL, SCOTLAND, January 1 religious service is held. (via London, 4:22, P. M.).—Seventeen persons, the entire erew of the American bark Pilgrim, with the exception of the mess boy, who was drowned, were landed here to-day by the Norwegian steamer Tholma, from Mobile, which rescued them in mid-Atlantic three weeks ago.

The Pilgrim, from Newport News for Buenos Aires, encountered heavy weather, and was thrown on her beam ends through the shifting of ballast. Her masts were cut away, but this failed to right her, and mountainous seas swept the back's boats away. In response to the signals of distress sent up by the Pilgrim, the Tholma, bound to Copenhagen, steamed as close as she dared venture, and the crew of the disabled vessel swam to the Norwegian boat. The Pilgrim recently had taken American registry, formerly being the British bark Gael.

MISS DODGE'S WILL FILED

Leaves More Than \$1,200,000 to Public and Religious Institutions.

NEW YORK, January 4 .- Miss Grace Hoadley Dodge, the philanthropist, who died in this city on December 27, last, left more than \$1,200,300 to public and religious institutions, under her will filed to-day for probate. Be quests in-clude \$500,000 each to teachers' college Columbia University and national board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the United

The value of the estate is estimated at more than \$2,000,000. Other bequests include \$50,000 to the American College for Girls at Constantinople, Tur-key: \$25,000 to the Presbyterian Board Foreign Missions, and the same amount to the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, and \$25,000 to the World's Student Christian Federation, for benefit of its woman's department.

WILL BREAK WITH UNION

AFTER BUTCHERY CLEVELAND, OHIO, January 4,-

Eastern Ohio coal operators at an ad-journed meeting to-morrow will de-cide to break off all negotiations with the United Mine Workers' Union, will plan to evict striking miners because they have paid no rent since the strike was called April 1 last, and will decide to make overtures to the miners as into make overtures to the miners as in-dividuals to work "open shop" under the scale rejected by the miners' or-ganization, in the opinion to-night of those in touch with the situation. Operators declined to make an official statement, but it was learned authenti-cally that sentiment expressed by oper-ators at to-day's session indicated this action.

There are 35,000 miners working in Central and Southern Ohio on the 47 cents a ton antiscreen basis, a union theial said to-night.

The Eastern Ohlo operators offer 44.61 cents a ton. This was rejected by 15,000 miners in Eastern Ohlo the first of last April, and they have since

ADVANCE IN WHEAT PRICES

Overtop All Previous High Records Since Reginning of War.

CHICAGO, January 4.—Wheat prices to-day overtopped all previous high records since the beginning of war. May delivery went to \$1.32.3-4 a bushel, as compared with \$1.32 on September b last, when speculative excitement over European developments was most

Elimination of fear of Argentine competition was the immediate cause of to-day's advance. Ocean freight rates from Argentina have so sharply advanced that South American grain is no longer relatively cheap. Higher quotations at Liverpool to-day showed the urgency of European demand. Dur-ing the advance in wheat prices here, a jump of 1 3-4 since Saturday night, trading appeared of a decidedly livelies character than has recently been the rule. Explanation in a measure was that margins required on transactions, are now only about half what was quired not many weeks ago.

THAW AIDS OLD FRIEND

ing the company to pay E. H. G. Reid, of Birminghad, Ala., \$400.

Reid was waiting for the message and the money. He told of how Thaw happened to be sending money across

the country.

"I own a plantation in South Carolina," he said. "A number of years ago Harry Thaw came down to hun, and spent a week with me.

"Money is a little slack down my way cetton won!" sell and I

way, cotton won't sell, and I was stranded for a little cash in Kansas City. "I just wired Thaw, and this is the

And Reid finished counting the money. "Thaw will always help a friend."

was also cut off.

The baby, one year old, which was found clasped in the mother's arms, had its face crushed by the flat side of the ax.

Bloodstains on the door facing and just outside show that Mrs. Burner made a desperate effort to free herself from the murderer. Deep gashes cover her entire body, one going half-way through her head.

Christmas Presents.

PETROGRAD, RUSSIA, January 4 (via London, 7:25 P. M.).—A member of the American colony of Moscow has contributed 3,500 presents for Russian children whose fathers are at the front. The gifts consist of gloves, shoes, caps and other articles of clothing, and their distribution is to be completed before the Russian Christmas Presents.

Salary of the cierk is fixed at \$5900 at year. The Council is required also to elect a bailiff. At the request of the justice, the ordinance provides, it shall be the duty of the Board of Police Commissioners to detail one or more policemen to attend the court and perform such duties as may be required also to elect a bailiff. At the request of the justice, the ordinance provides, it shall be the duty of the Board of Police Commissioners to detail one or more policemen to attend the court and perform such duties as may be required also to elect a bailiff. At the request of the justice, the ordinance provides, it shall be the duty of the Board of Police Commissioners to detail one or more policemen to attend the court and perform such duties as may be required also to elect a bailiff. At the request of the justice, the ordinance provides, it shall be the duty of the Board of Police Commissioners to detail one or more policemen to attend the court and perform such duties as may be required also to elect a bailiff. At the request of the justice, the ordinance provides, it shall be the duty of the Board of Police Commissioners to detail one or more policemen to attend the court and perform such duties as may be required also to the police and the policemen to attend the court and perform such duties as may be required also to the

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Until Nichols's body was found, the half dozen watchmen who had been placed in charge of the premises replaced to make an investigation, fearing for their own safet.

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PICTURE BRIDES ARRIVE

riage license bureau, after which a

J. E. B. STUART TO WEST POINT

President Asked to Appoint Grandson of Confederate Leader.

WASHINGTON, January 4.-Governor Stuart and Senator Swanson, of has another sixteen-year-old million Virginia, asked President Wilson toappointing his grandson, J. E. B. Stuart, of Norfolk, to West Point. The President promised to consider the request.

GREEN SUCCEEDS WRIGHT

Appointed Marshal of United States Supreme Court,

WASHINGTON, January 4 .- The Supreme Court announced no decisions to-day, and adjourned until to-morroy respect to the memory of J. ight, for twenty-seven years marshal, who was buried to-day. The court to-day appointed Frank K. Green, now deputy marshal, to succeed Mr. Wright. Green began as a page.

DR. C. W. CHANCELLOR DEAD

Had Charge of Medleal Forces in Pickett's Brigade During War.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—Dr. Charles W. Chancellor, who had charge of the medical forces in General Pickett's Brigade in the Civil War, died here late last night, eighty-three years old. He was born in Spotsylvania County, Va. After the war he became dean of the medical school at the old Washington University, and was con-

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT By Using York River Line to Baltimore, \$2.50 one way, \$4.50 R. T. 5:10 P. M.

WILL BREAK WITH UNION SEPARATE COURT TO TRY CHILDREN

ery for Juvenile and Domestic Relations Cases.

ure Prepared by Juvenile Protective Society of Virginia.

For the purpose of carrying into ef-Councilman Edgar B. English. of Clay Ward, introduced in the Common Council last night an ordinance creating in the city of Richmond a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for the trial of certain distinctive cases now handled partly by the Police Court and partly by its Juvenile Court adjunct.

Permission for the stablish.

improvement of domestic and juvenile notice that

DESCRIBES JURISDICTION

s described as follows:
All offenses committed by children under the age of eighteen years against the laws of this Commonwealth or against the ordinances of the city of Richmond.

All prosecutions against men charged

With this note attached, a message with offenses against children under from Harry K. Thaw was received this that age, or with causing, aiding in oring the company to contributing to the delignment.

ice of the Juvenile and Domestic Retice of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court shall sit daily except Sunday, and shall hold court in the rooms now set aside for the use of the Juvenile Court, in the basement of the

American at Moscow Contributes 3,500 submitted to it by the justice. The submitted to it by the justice. The salary of the clerk is fixed at \$990 a any price.

PETROGRAD, RUSSIA, January 4 year. The Council is required also to The em

The ordinance carries a provision repealing the present ordinance regulating detention homes for juvenile offenders and fixing special sessions for the trial of juvenile cases, under which the present Juvenile Court is conducted. Provision for the nerformance of the selection of this city, the Marylanders have been up in arms, and have organized to conduct the fight. The delegation will make an effort to have Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Secretary of Agriculture Houston and

In the twelve months ending September 30, 1914, the Juvenile Court 700 cases involving 900 children. It is believed that to this number would Seventy Japanese Women Come to be added in the course of a year about Meet Husbands They Have Never Seen. 500 cases of contributory delinquency and nonsupport were the proposed new

Page Valley National Bank, of Luray.
While attempting to alight from a freight train in this place several years ago he lost a leg.
Nichols's body remained in the Price home this evening, and so strong is the feeling in the neighborhood against the feeling in the neighborhood against the freight train in this place several years ago he lost a leg.

Nichols's body remained in the Price home this evening, and so strong is they have never seen. Fifty more had arrived within the past week they have never seen. Fifty more had arrived within the past week they have never seen to day to meet husbands they have never seen. Fifty more had arrived within the past week they have never seen. Fifty more had arrived within the past week they have never seen. Fifty more had arrived within the past week they have never seen. Fifty more had arrived within the past week they have never seen. Fifty more had arrived within the past week.

In the eyes of the Japanese law the hrides have been married. There had a public hearing at an early date. With the view of laying before the the feeling in the neighborhood against him that there have been many suggestions that the building should be burned to consume the body. Price's property is all that is saving it from cremation.

CREW RESCUED AT SEA

American Hark Pilgrim Recently Wrecked in Mid-Atlantic.

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The brides have been married. There 'lax been an early date. With the view of laying before the committee expert testimony on the subject, Rev. H. D. C. Maciachlan, D. D., chairman of the Steering Committee of the Juvenile Court, wrote yesterday to Judge Harry Olson, of the Domestic Relations Court of Chicago, outlining the local situation and asking him for his opinion as to the desirability of establishing such a court in Richmond.

ANOTHER BOY MILLIONAIRE

George Temple Bowdoln Eligible to Title When Father's Will Is Read.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, January 4 .- New ia, asked President Wilson to aire. His name is George Temple honor the memory of General Bowdoin, and he became eligible to the ting his grandson, J. E. B. Stuart, will of his father, the late Temple folk, to West Point. The Presigan. The will provides that the boy's fortune shall be administered by a guardian until he becomes of age, and the principal proviso is that he shall be educated in the United States. are charitable bequests amounting to about \$100,000, and the will further gives the amount of one month's pay

CUSTOMS REVENUES DROP

Receipts for Six Months Amount to \$107,732,934 Against \$158,357,018.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—Customs revenues for the six months ending December 31 last, amounted to \$107,-732.934, compared with \$158.357.918 for the last six months of 1913. At the office of Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Peters, in charge of customs, the figures were said to confirm the department's estimates and to show the necessity of the war revenue bill.

WOMAN AS STATE SENATOR

Oregon Governor Appoints Miss Katheryn Clarke to Fill Vacancy.

SALEM, OREGON, January 4.—Governor West has announced the apernor West has announced the ap-

SHIP-PURCHASE BILL STEINBACH IN H BEFORE CONGRESS

RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1915. -- TWELVE PAGES

Ordinance Provides New Machin- By Vote of 46 to 29, Senate Makes It the Unfinished Business.

FREE FROM POLICE COURT WILL BE FOUGHT TO FINISH

Councilman English Offers Meas- Showing on Part of Opposition Gives Certain Indication That There Are Breakers Ahead.

WASHINGTON, January 4 .- Governfect a reform long planned by the ment purchase of ships, as proposed in Juvenile Protective Society of Virginia, the administration bill to create a ship-

partly by the Police Court and partly by its Juvenile Court adjunct.

Permission for the establishment of such courts in Virginia cities containing 50,000 or more inhabitants was secured by the passage of an act to this effect at the last session of the General Assembly. Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts have an important place in the judicial machinery of a large proportion of the more important American cities, and the establishment of to rush the bill with undue haste, Relations that the court is the proposed legislation. ican cities, and the establishment of such a court in Richmond is strongly publican members, among them Senaturged by the societies interested in the

be so that the measure would be fought to the last ditch.

DESCRIBES JURISDICTION

OF PROPOSED COURT

The jurisdiction of the proposed court is described as follows:

All offenses committed by children inder the age of eighteen years against the laws of this Commonwealth or ugainst the ordinances of the city of kichmond.

All proposed would not relieve shipping conditions, because it would be impossible for the government to get ships enough to do any good. It pointed also to dangers of international complicato dangers of international complica-All prosecutions against men charged with ill-treatment, abuse, abandonment or neglect of their wives, and all prosecutions against parents, guardians or custodians charged with ill-treatment drawn into the present war."

prosecutions against parents, guardians or custodians charged with ill-treatment, abuse, abandonment or neglect of their children or wards.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

[KANSAS CITY, MO., January 4.—

"For old time's sake, and a happy New Year."

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[With offenses against parents, guardians or custodians charged with ill-treatment, abuse, abandonment or neglect of their children or wards.

[Senator Fletcher, who had charge of with president Wilson concerning it, urged the measure in a lengthy speech with offenses against children under the present war. contributing to the delinquency or dependency of such children.

All cases affecting the protection, care, custody or control of children under the age of eighteen years, of which justices of the peace or police justices now have jurisdiction.

COURT TO HOLD

after Republican Senators had issued their pronunciamento of opposition. He declared the war has produced a "ship famine," and that the interests of all people in the United States demanded that the government take immediate action to supply ships to carry American products demanded in the markets of Europe and South America. The ordinance provides that the jus-ice of the Juvenile and Domestic Re-it was bringing 7 cents in the United States. Germany would consume 500,

City Hall, or in such other rooms as may be provided. The amount of the salary to be paid the new justice is left to be determined by the Council.

When the war began, Senator Fletcher declared, England had 1,500 and Germany 2,000 vessels in the overseas trade, while the United States had to be determined by the Council. Under the ordinance, the justice is given the power to appoint three special probation officers. The City Council is required to provide a clerk for the court from a list of three names submitted to the best for the court from a list of three names submitted to the best for the court from a list of three names and the court from a list of three names are submitted to the best for the court from a list of three names are submitted to the court from a list of three names are su only six. He said that American mersome cases 400 per cent, since the war began, he added, and ships under the American flag were not obtainable at The hearing will be a formal one,

can registry to foreign built craft, part in the selection of Richmo Senator Fletcher asserted, had not met the needs of American manufacturers, lowing one hour to each city. the needs of American manufacturers. He read lists of the 105 ships which transferred their flags, to show that none was a first-class cargo boat, that over 50 per cent of these were ships of companies which needed them for their own business, and consequently added nothing to the facilities for the transportation of general cargoes.

"We must see to it," he said, "that a war between other countries shail a war between other countries for needed the flags.

The Baltimore delegation will be a large and determined one. Ever since the selection of this city, the Mary-landers have been up in arms, and have organized to conduct the fight. The delegation will make an effort to have a gain cripple our industries for secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Section of the naval subcommittee wound up its work on the naval ap-LAW IS REPEALED their own business.

SHIPMENT OF CONTRABAND

An amendment to the bill, submitted by Senator Stone, designed to prevent secret shipment of contraband to for-eign ports, would authorize the President to designate from time to time ports which customs collectors would be required to inspect all cargoes be-fore loading. Heavy penalties would be imposed upon shippers and vessel masters for violations of the provision. Discussion of the bill was deferred late in the day to make way for the urgent deficiency appropriation bill and the House. Republican leaders insist that many weeks will be consumed in

In the minority report the governnent ownership feature of the bill was such a policy were enumerated as fol-

"Subtraction from the field of nersonal endeavor, destruction of individ-ual initiative and motive for effort, the constant tendency to maximum costs, multiplication of government employe and officials, increased opportunity fo corruption, labor problems, administrative and executive inefficiency, restric-tion of the motive to invent and im-prove the facilities of service, etc., and in general it may be said that industries reach their highest perfection and greatest efficiency when allowed to develop in the free play of economic forces."

LEADING REPUBLICANS DISCUSS PROGRAM

A group of leading Republican Sentors met to-night to discuss the legislative program and plan for prevent-ing hasty action on the ship purchase bill. Present were Senators Gallinger, Root, Lodge, Weeks, Brandegee and others. It was agreed that the appropriation bills would require consid-

There will be plenty to talk about, besides ship purchase," said Senator Gallinger, "Perhaps the Democrats Gallinger. "Perhaps the Democrats will put their program through, but if they see some of their supply bids in danger, they may not be so anxious about new legislation."

U. E. SEYBT ENDS LIFE

Commits Suicide in Presence of Wife, and Despite Son's Efforts.

ANDERSON, S. C., January 4 .- In pointment of Miss Katheryn Clarke, of Glendale, to be State Senator to fill a vacancy.

To conege on account of mancial departments of advanced study over this and other business affairs is assigned as the cause of his act.

Upper Alsace Is Centre of Important Fighting

JPPER Alsace appears to be the centre of the most important fighting in the western war arena. Violent engagements are being fought in the region of Sennheim, which the French call Cernay, about eight miles northwest of Muelhausen.

French forces have occupied the heights around Sennheim, and also have driven the Germans out of Steinbach, a village further to the

At other points along the front there has been only intermittent

Both Russians and Germans admit no important change has taken place on the front along the left bank of the Vistula. In West Galicia the Russians are making steady progress, and, according to their official statement, have captured many Austrian prisoners. Russian troops have crossed the crownland of Bukowina

and occupied Sueczawa, near the Austro-Roumanian frontier. A Berlin Tageblatt correspondent at Austrian headquarters explains the recent change in the situation in Galicia by the statement that the Russians have been reinforced from Kiev. Another German correspondent says the Russians are bending every effort to reach the fort-ress of Cracow, but have met with repulses and heavy losses, owing to the well-selected Austrian positions.

British warships have bombarded Dar-Es-Salaam, capital of German East Africa, where it is reported much damage was inflicted, and all German vessels in the harbor were disabled.

The British government will reply to the American note concerning contraband within a few days. England and her allies are said to have reached an understanding with Italy, which promises to be satisfactory to all the countries affected.

BALTIMORE RENEWS ITS FIGHT FOR RESERVE BANK

serve Board in Washington To-Morrow.

Eppa Hunton, Jr., and Legh R. Page Effort Will Be Made to Balance Vato Look After Richmond's Interests at hearing-No Expectation That Committee Will Be Reversed.

ton to-morrow morning their fight to have the regional bank transferred from Richmond to that city. Attorneys representing the banking interests of this city, with a number of prominent men who aided in the fight which resulted in the selection of Richmond, will be present to the present to the selection of Richmond, will be present to the selection of Richmond. Baltimore bankers, financiers and

my price.

The emergency bill opening Amerian registry to foreign built craft, beington Fletcher asserted, had not met had no evidence will be taken. The Federal Reserve Board, which had no part in the selection of Richmond, will hear the arguments of both sides, al-

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Secretary of Agriculture Houston and Comptroller of the Currency Williams, Reserve Byard. Secretary McAdoo is in the West, and will not be present at the hearing.

ONE HOUR WILL BE Richmond in presenting their argu-ments for the permanent location of the bank. The opening argument will create a naval reserve, designed to pro-

The Baltimore delegates will be the most representative men in that city. Every trade body will be represented.

nor Goldsborough. Mayor Preston was to head the party, but he is ill with pleurisy. There will be at least 200 in the delegation. Among the trade body representatives will be: Rufus M. Glbbs. Henry F. Baker, William B. Hurst, C. Wilbur Miller, Charles England, John M. Dennis, Waldo Necomer Harry. and, then, too, there will be a citizens' committee, probably headed by Gover-M. Dennis, Waldo Necomer, Harry A. Orrick, Eben Sutton, J. William Mid-Orrick, Eben Sutton, J. Menry B. dendorf, Eugene Levering, Henry B. Wilcox, Philip Hamburger, Jr., E. Ashburg Davis, Theodore Mottu, John L. bury Davis, Theodore Mottu, John L. Alcock, William A. Dixon, Robert E. Tubman, S. B. Sonneborn, Samuel Rosenthal, Jr., Jacob W. Hooke, J. W. Marshall, George N. Numsen, Edmund C. White, F. S. Chavannes, Theodore Krug, Parker Cook, A. E. Mealy, J. Henry Strohmeyer, Philip S. Morgan, Charles A. Webb, Thomas Wilson, John P. Lauber, Jesse B. Riggs, and Charles E. Falconer, president Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

REQUIREMENTS MODIFIED

Harvard Medical School No Longer

the presence of his wife and in spite Harvard has modified the requirements of the efforts of his grown son to pre- for admission to its medical school, it vent the act, U. E. Seybt, prominent was announced to-night. Hereafter the and wealthy citizen of this city, committed suicide this afternoon at his department, and under certain condihome in the suburbs of Anderson. He tions men who have had two years of

Under President Eliot's administra-

TO CO-OPERATE ON PLANS FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

OF FRENCH TROOPS

Will Be Heard Before Federal Re- Subject of Conference Between Daniels and Garrison and Representatives of Congress.

STRONG DELEGATION COMING FINAL APPROVAL UP TO WILSON

rious Appropriations in Conformity With General Policy-Lack of Co-Ordination, Says Rear-Admiral.

WASHINGTON, January 4 .-- Co-

The conference will be held to-mornight, and, besides the four comrow night, and, besides the four committee chairmen, other Democratic
leaders have been invited. It is generally expected an effort will be made
to balance the various appropriations
in conformity with a general policy to
promote the national defense, plans for
which will be submitted to President
Wilson for final approval. Various
hills for increase into the com-

sess, and the naval subcommittee wound up its work on the naval appropriation bill.

French guns massed before Altkirch continue their bombardment of that important railway centre, which also is

a rear-admiral. His duties would be to supervise all naval preparations for war emergencies.

The subcommittee also provided for One hour will be given each to the epresentatives of Baltimore and of promotion of 110 noncommissioned of

ings made public to-day by the committee. Admiral Knight's statement
was brought out by telegrams sent by
Secretary Daniels to Admiral Knight
and to Rear-Admiral Fletcher, asking "whether there is lack of co-ordination in the administration of the Atlantic fleet and what the Naval War College

of no lack of co-ordination at the present time, and believed "that the present co-ordination meets with the War College's full approval." Admiral Knight made this statement:

"The War College believe that lack of co-ordination does exist in the fleet; between the Navy Department and the fleet, and between the Navy Department, the fleet and Congress, the college does not regard this as a new situation, atthough it happens to be at this me. although it happens to be at this mo ment unusually acute. The remedy rests partly with the fleet, where every thing that can be done already is in preparation; partly with the depart-ment, where plans already have been formulated for more extensive manoeu ves than ever before, and chiefly with Congress, where there already is pend-ing a bill for a council of national defense, which more than all other agencies combined, would make for a co-ordination of all government agencies, many of which lie far outside the fields of the navy and the Navy

Strictly Graduate Department.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., January 4.—
Harvard has modified the requirements
Admiral Knight cited the diversion of battleships and torpedo craft to uses widely different from that for the control of the contro which they exist, with resulting inter-ruption of preparation for battle and the breaking down of efficiency. He said this in many cases was the result lack of cruisers and gunboats. NAVAL EXPENDITURES

IN FIGHTING FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE

Berlin Officially Admits Loss of Town in Upper Alsace.

BATTLE IN PROGRESS FOR NUMBER OF DAYS

Latest News From Battle Fronts Indicates Little Activity.

BAD WEATHER ENFORCES LULL

German Report Declares Situation on Eastern Front Is Unchanged.

LONDON, January 4 (10 P. M.).— Latest news from the battle fronts in-dicates little activity, the luil evidently being enforced by bad weather. Stein-bach, a village in upper Alence, is in the hands of the French, after house-tenders, fightling. This loss Berling to-house fighting. This loss Berlin

admits.
The day was marked by artillery duels, with occasional infantry dashes for slight gains, but the line from the Olso to the sea was almost calm. German headquarters declares the

German headquarters declares the situation on the eastern front remains unchanged, and nothing has reached London to contradict this statement. Politically the American note still occupies a prominent position, dividing attention with speculations as to what Roumania and Italy will do. The Brit-Roumania and Italy will do. The list is answer, it is expected, will be sent ish answer, it is expected, will be sent ish answer, it is Ish answer, it is expected, will be sent to Washington later this week. It is understood here that Great Britain has reached such a satisfactory understanding with Italy with regard to the transshipment of contraband that no cargoes destined for that country have been stopped since December 4. British officials declare that the elimination of American shipping from the tion of American shipping from the ipon the assurances of neutral states

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]
PARIS, January 4.—Steinbach has
fallen. The Alsatian town to which the French laid violent siege a week ago, and which they later invested and forced their way into, fighting from house to house and gaining ground only foot by foot, was carried to-day by the French, according to the official state-

retary of Agriculture Houston and Comptroller of the Currency Williams, who formed the original organization committee, step aside in arriving at the final decision. Mr. Williams is now an ex officio member of the Federal Reserve Board. Secretary McAdoo is portant railway centre, which also is but about eight miles from Muelhausen, quarters, its front on the west and its left flank on the south.

So important is the success of the French in these operations that staff officers of the French army have applied to their attainment that word which has been attainment that word which has been treasured by even the most radical spirits for use only in decided triumphs—"victory."

be made by Charles F. Markell, of Gans & Haman, lawyers. The closing argument will be presented in by Vernon Cook, of the same firm. Legh R. Page and Eppa Hunton, Jr., will present the Richmond argument. The committee will leave with the reserve board the brief prepared by the late Edgar H. Gans in collaboration with Messrs. Markell & Cook.

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Lack of co-ordination between the Navy Department, the Atlantic fleet and Congress is charged by Rear-Admiral Austin M. Knight, in charge inally the Germans held all the importance, but by persistent battering with mountain guns and a few pleces of heavy artillery, which the miltee. Admiral Knight's statement was beautiful to-day by the committee.

Advancing around a hill to the north-

to the Germans' last treatment fighting in the streets began. First the official account related the taking of "a few houses" by the French troops. This later was denied by the froops. This later was denied by the Germans. But the furious house-to-house fighting continued, and the French gradually pressed the invader back. A day later the French official statement recorded the capture of "another row of houses." To-day the afternoon statement told of the taking of the environs of the church and the of the environs of the church and the cemetery. The night official made this announcement:

"At Steinbach this morning we car-"At Steinbach this morning we car-ried the whole village."
Nothing could be more graphically descriptive of the battle than the chronology of these official statements.

The Cernay battle is productive of nore details of the actual progress of the attack and counterattack. Officia reports received to-day state that in the region of Cernay, during the day f lack of cruisers and gunboats.

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The region of Cernay, during the day of yesterday, the French carried the German works on the height to the west of the town. The Germans returned to the attack, but were repulsed, Later, during the night, with